

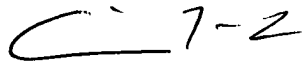
REMARKS

Prior to examination of the application, Applicants request the amendment of claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20 and 22; and the cancellation of claims 25-43 without prejudice. Applicants corrected a typographical error in claims 1 and 13; changed the dependency of claims 7, 10, 19, and 22; and corrected an antecedent basis error in claims 5, 8, 17, 19, and 20.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and allowance of claims 1-24 are respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. F. Laska" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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